

**Board of Selectmen
Open Meeting of December 1, 2021
Seekonk Town Hall, 100 Peck Street
BOS Meeting Room**

Members Present: Justin Sullivan, Chris Zorra, Adam Petronio, Michael Healy

Members Absent (with cause): David Andrade

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Asst. Town Administrator/ Director of Human Resources: Carol-Ann Days

A. Petronio made a motion to convene into Open Session from Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.; M. Healy seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all in favor

Board and Committee Openings

M. Healy read the Board and Committee vacancies into the record.

Community Speaks N/A

A. Consider the reappointment of Neal Abelson to the position of Building Official

Mr. Cadime recommended to reappoint Mr. Abelson for one year.

C. Zorra made a motion to reappoint Neal Abelson as the Building Official for a one-year reappointment; A. Petronio seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

VOTED: 4-0 all in favor

B. 2022 LICENSE RENEWAL HEARING – see attached list of renewal applications' business names and addresses

1. All Alcohol

A. Petronio made a motion to renew All Alcohol licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

All Alcohol Package Stores

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

A. Petronio made a motion to renew All Alcohol Package Store licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

Wine and Malt Package stores

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Wine and Malt Package Store licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

2. Class I Motor Vehicles

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Class I Motor Vehicle licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

Class II Motor Vehicles

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Class II Motor Vehicle licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

Class III Motor Vehicles

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Class III Motor Vehicle licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

3. Entertainment

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Entertainment licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

4. Amusement Facilities

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Amusement Facilities licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

5. Amusement Machines

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Amusement Machine licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

6. Go-Kart

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Go-Kart licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

7. Mini Golf

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Mini Golf licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

8. Theater

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Theater licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

9. Palm & Card Reading

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Palm & Card Reading licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

10. Antiques and Second-Hand

A. Petronio made a motion to renew Antiques & Second-Hand licenses as submitted; M. Healy seconded and all approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

C. Discussions winter operations for Department of Public Works

Dave Cabral provided an update to the Board. Due to the competition in surrounding areas and cost of insurance and fuel, he suggested increasing the rate of pay for vendors/private contractors. Having 10 plow drivers is the minimum and currently they have 5 confirmed, repeat vendors; 1 pending driver; 3 pending applications in process; and 3 pending applicants inquiring about rates.

As far as equipment, they currently have 4 sanders ready with a 5th one available next week. A sidewalk machine has been rented. Materials and equipment are ready to go.

C. Zorra asked how many sidewalk machines they have.

Scott Olobri stated they have 3 available. He provided a comparative pay rate analysis of surrounding Towns.

M. Healy made motion to approve the proposed rate increase for winter 2021-2022; A. Petronio seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all in favor

D. Consider accepting the donation of \$100 from Phoenix Inc. and \$231.86 worth of tree lights from Adam Petronio for the Veterans' Holiday Festival

C. Zorra made a motion to accept the donations for the Veteran's Holiday Festival; it was seconded by M. Healy, and unanimously approved.

VOTE: 3 approved / 1 abstention (A. Petronio)

E. Consider accepting the donation of \$1,720 from the Wampanoag Rod & Gun Club to the Human Services gift and donation account

A. Petronio made a motion to accept the donation of \$1,720 from the Wampanoag Rod & Gun Club to the Human Services gift and donation account; it was seconded by M. Healy, and unanimously approved.

VOTE: 4-0 all approved

F. Consider accepting the minutes of October 20, 2021

A. Petronio made a motion to accept the minutes of October 20, 2021; it was seconded by M. Healy, and unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS: N/A

OTHER BUSINESS Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting_– N/A

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. South End Fire Station Building Committee (S. Cadime)** The Building Committee has a scheduled Zoom meeting for the OPM.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- A. Accounts Payable Warrant N/A**
B. Bristol County Advisory Board N/A

- C. Aitken School Expansion Building Committee Report** (C. Zorra) the back field will be completed in the spring (regrade, seed).
- D. 540 Arcade Avenue Building Committee Report** (S. Cadime) The General Contractor bids were opened yesterday. They will be sent to the building committee for review and will forward their recommendation(s) to the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment to Enter into Executive Session

A. Petronio made a motion to adjourn Open Session to reconvene into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Open Session will reconvene after Executive Session; it was seconded by M. Healy, and unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0

C. Zorra made a motion to reconvene in to Open Session from Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.; A. Petronio seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0

A. Petronio made a motion to approve the Fire Chief's contract as presented; C. Zorra seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0

C. Zorra made a motion to adjourn the Open Session at 8:23 p.m.; it was seconded by A. Petronio, and unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Petronio, Clerk

Prepared by:
Kristen L'Heureux

Items Distributed at the December 1, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- 2022 License Renewal List
- Draft of the Board and Committee Handbook
- Winter 2021-2022 memo from DPW
- Donation memo from James Laflame, Veterans' Agent
- Donation memo from Human Services